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Elba City Council votes to waive sewer/garbage fees for Enterprise Rescue Inc.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council tackled several different topics Monday night, Feb. 8, during its regular bi-monthly meeting.

City clerk Sally Bane said Elba Municipal Court magistrate Eva Medlock would be retiring at the end of the month, and Dawn DeVane would be stepping into that full-time position. She said DeVane had previously been working part-time with the municipal court and part-time with the Elba Public Library.

With DeVane going full-time as the court magistrate, Bane said that opened up a need for part-time help at the library, and she said former library employee Barbara Tillis had agreed to return on a part-time basis to help out there. She said everyone was excited to have Tillis return.

In the parks and recreation department, Bane said programs coordinator Griffin Martin would be leaving to accept a new job in Montgomery, Ala. She said Adam Spicer had been hired to fill the programs coordinator position for the recreation department.

Since the last meeting, Bane said the street department had completed the demo of another FEMA buyout home, and she said employees with that department had been completing other routine tasks that were keeping them busy.

While discussing the street department and its projects, council member Gappa Wise asked that the employees address a pothole on Highland Drive

near the Elba Nursing and Rehab facility that need filling. He said this pothole had been there for several weeks following some work by the water department, and there is a lot of traffic that goes through this area.

Regarding the ongoing sewer project for the city, Bane said most everyone had probably noticed some road milling around the downtown area. She said this was in preparation to make it easier to dig and replace the sewer pipes. Once the pipes have been replaced, she said these roadways would be repaved.

Bane also told council members that it had been decided there is a need to hire a part-time custodian to help with the cleaning of several city buildings, including the library, senior center and police department. Applications are now being accepted for this position [an advertisement can be seen on Page 6 of today's paper].

The council approved one appointment and two reappointments to the Elba Hospital Authority. Mayor Tom Maddox was appointed while Kenneth Strong and Daniel Stephens each were reappointed.

The mayor entertained a motion to assist Enterprise Rescue Inc. with its sewer and garbage fee costs. He said the water and electric board had, at its last meeting, agreed to assist the entity with water usage costs.

City attorney Bart Booth said the council cannot give

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Traffic Pattern Change...Use Caution!



On Monday, Feb. 8, the Alabama Department of Transportation began work to convert the intersection of Claxton Avenue (Alabama Highway 189) and Troy Road (Alabama Highway 87) to an "All Way Stop" condition. The traffic signal at that intersection was removed on Monday. However, due to weather delays, as of press time this week, the changes to this intersection had not been completed as originally announced. Upon completion, once the weather allows, all approaching traffic to this intersection will have a stop sign [in essence, this will be a 3-Way Stop]. The photo above was taken Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 9, and it showed that the newly installed stop signs on Claxton Ave [Hwy. 189] remained covered to allow that traffic to keep flowing. Motorists are encouraged to use extreme caution when traveling in this area due to the continued work and all becoming accustomed to the new traffic pattern.

Coffee County EMA director says COVID-19 numbers improving

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County EMA director James Brown provided a more positive report Monday, Feb. 8, to Coffee County Commissioners pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our cases are looking better right now," Brown said.

While the state still had more than 11,500 cases of the COVID-19 virus last week, he said that still was a drop from previous weeks.

Brown said Coffee County was averaging around 33.7 new cases per

day over the past two weeks, but that too was down from 38.9 per day from the previous update.

"The death rate is the thing that keeps going up unfortunately," Brown said. "About 1.5 percent of all cases in the county end up in death."

However, he said the county had dropped from experiencing around eight deaths per week to six per week over the past couple of weeks.

"I don't like those numbers, but they are looking better," Brown said.

He added that hospitaliza-

tions also had shown a significant drop over the past few weeks. At the beginning of January,

Brown said around 23 percent of all hospitalizations were COVID-related. Now, he said only about 11 percent of hospitalizations across the state are COVID-related.

"We also are doing better at getting vaccines out to the public," Brown said. "Last Monday, ADPH launched an online portal to help make appointments for the vaccine." ** See more on this on Page 4. **

Brown said it was encouraging last week to learn that Johnson and Johnson had filed for an emergency approval on its vaccine to get it out and available to the public. He said the really good news about this

vaccine is that it is a one-shot deal, which will allow more people to be able to get the vaccine.

Also, he said studies are showing this vaccine to have about an 85 percent effective rate.

"We need to remember that just because we have a vaccine doesn't mean this will go away," Brown said. "Currently, we have vaccinated about

nine percent of the state's population. We are expecting a 45 percent take rate but would like to see a 70 percent take rate [overall]."

He concluded his report by saying, "Things are starting to look encouraging, but the death rates are still a concern. This was a good report, but I am looking forward to when I have no report."

"Things are starting to look encouraging, but the death rates are still a concern," Coffee County EMA director James Brown said Monday in his report to Coffee County Commissioners.

Elba Police make drug arrests

According to Coffee County Jail records, Elba Police made two arrests last week on illegal drug charges.

Boyce Lashley, age 42, of Elba was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 12:13 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, after his arrest by Elba Police. He was charged with two separate counts of possession of a controlled substance - each carrying a \$5,000 bond; possession of marijuana, 2nd degree - carrying a \$1,500 bond; and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia - carrying a \$1,500 bond.

As of press time this week, Lashley remained in the Coffee County Jail on these charges.

James Lawford, age 43, of Elba was arrested by Elba Police on Saturday, Feb. 6, and he was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 7:25 p.m. The charges stemming from this arrest included possession of a controlled substance - carrying a \$10,000 bond; a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia - carrying a \$6,000 bond; and a misdemeanor charge of failure to appear - carrying a \$500 bond. He remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.



Boyce Lashley



James Lawford

Area Happenings

ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 WILL HOST A HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILING Saturday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. in downtown Elba. The public portions of the event will begin at the Coffee County Courthouse lawn near the cornerstone. Once the crowd has gathered there will be a Masonic March with state and local dignitaries. The march route will go past the Inland store and the Elba Chamber of Commerce building, ending at the marker dedication site located on the corner of Claxton Avenue and Davis Street (vacant lot across from the Elba United Methodist Church). In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the fellowship hall of Elba United Methodist Church.

THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL AND ELBA WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD will hold a joint work session Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

THE COFFEE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOARD INVITES all to attend the Dedication/Open House Sunday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m., of the organization's 24th home in Coffee County. This will be the home of Tawana Thomas and family and is located at 537 Adkinson Street, Elba. Volunteers and donors will be recognized during the ceremony.

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New Brockton Town Council conducts routine business at monthly meeting

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, Feb. 1, for its monthly meeting, and business was routine.

Council members approved appointments to the town's planning commission and board of adjustments. Those serving on these boards will have staggered terms.

The council voted to renew the town's contract with Avenu Insights. This company collects sales tax and issues business licenses for New Brockton.

Council members also

voted to pay the audit bill in the amount of \$5,000, and the workmen's compensation bill in the amount of \$6,304. Mayor Kathy Holley did note the workmen's comp bill was slightly lower this year than the year prior.

The council also got the ball rolling on establishing a walking trail for the town as council members voted to approve a walking trail agreement. The mayor noted this was a needed action to simply get all parties online for the project.

A quick look at financials showed the town's general fund had a balance of \$830,042.80 at the end of January. Income for January was \$296,304.45.

Upon request of town clerk Debra Andrews, council members approved payment of routine monthly bills at just over \$21,000.

Prior to adjourning, the mayor noted that New Brockton offices would be closed Monday, Feb. 15, in observance of the President's Day holiday. She said the next town council meeting is set Monday, March 1, p.m.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it." — G. K. Chesterton

We stumble upon some novel and interesting things on the Internet. Sunday afternoon we were amazed to learn that the three letter word 'run' is the most complicated word in the English language with 645 meanings! That is just using it as a verb alone. This is not coffee shop chatter either, it is quoting the next edition of Oxford English Dictionary with 75 columns of type giving the 'meaning' of the verb form of 'run'. This will replace longtime leader 'set' with only 200 definitions.

A Connecticut state senator has introduced a bill in that state requiring all citizens MUST vote on election day. He also prescribed penalties for those who don't comply. Under his proposal (which he urges all states to adopt) those who don't vote get a letter from the designated state official requesting their reason for not voting. This state official has sole authority to accept or reject the excuse and thus impose a fine on the nonvoter. True, there are some countries that have long required voting, but our guess is their citizens don't have the mind-set of the United States folks. Americans don't like someone telling us what we have to do nor when to do it (current example - wearing face masks). It is easy to envision our fellow citizens being forced to do something they don't care for and exacting their revenge by casting a ballot for (and helping elect) that yahoo who can't walk and chew gum at the same time... just for spite. We have enough under qualified office holders now and surely don't need a bunch more who are even less capable of leading. That bill will probably get nowhere, even in Connecticut, but we suspect that guy will forever be tagged as the 'compulsive voting' dude.

Alabama Senator Richard Shelby has announced that he will be retiring from the U. S. Senate at the end of his current term, which has two more years. This was going to happen sooner or later, but Alabama will be the loser with this action. There is no accurate figure to put on the benefits this man has funneled to Alabama. Of course, the people of Elba can attest to that fact just by looking at the higher, stronger levee that pushes back against the Pea River and several smaller streams. He is directly responsible for millions of federal dollars being earmarked for levee improvement work in Elba and Geneva following the Pea River floods of the 1990s.

With Shelby retiring from the U. S. Senate after his long, long tenure, the question on many minds (and lips) is 'Who will replace him?' Maybe we had better ask 'who will take his position' as he will be awful hard to 'replace'. One name that has popped up is that of Business Council of Alabama President Katie Boyd Britt. She served well as Shelby's Chief of Staff and has been well received with her work at the Business Council. Katie is an Enterprise native and married to a former Alabama football player... put all that together with her longtime working relationship with Alabama politicians while in Shelby's office and she would be a major contender. There is a rumor floating around between political 'movers and shakers' that she is quietly putting together a support team. That may be true, or she may just be testing the water. Alabama voters may not be ready for a female in the Senate, but this young lady has the experience and the ability to change the minds of doubters and therefore it would be a mistake to discount her as a viable candidate.

LBWCC seeks OB volunteers for sonography program

LBW Community College's Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is seeking pregnant women for clinical labs in Opp.

"We are asking for volunteers to allow our students

the opportunity to improve their scanning skills on real life patients/volunteers in our on-campus ultrasound lab," said program director Olivia Bush.

Appointments for these

free, non-diagnostic OB ultrasounds will be scheduled throughout the current semester on Wednesday afternoons, 1-4 p.m., and Thursday mornings, 9 a.m.-noon, now through April 15. For this ultrasound, volunteers must first meet a few requirements.

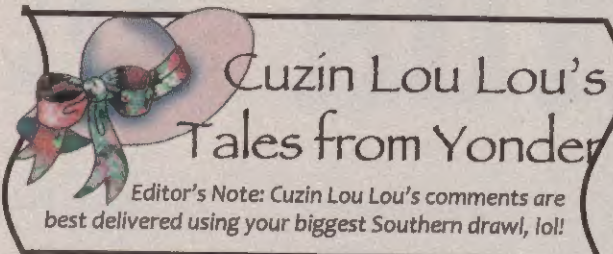
"The volunteer must have already had at least one second trimester well-baby ultrasound," said Bush. "They also must have their doctor's approval on a signed LBWCC Doctor Consent Form."

"Each volunteer should plan to spend roughly two hours to give students time to practice, learn, and obtain images. It is important for

volunteers to understand that these ultrasounds are performed by students in the presence of an ARDMS certified OB sonographer."

OB volunteers will not learn anything new about their pregnancy during these clinical labs. Instead, they will be contributing to the knowledge base and experience of our students, helping to prepare them for the workforce through this real-world clinical exercise."

Consent forms are available through the College website at lbwcc.edu. If interested in being an OB volunteer, contact Sierra Brown at sbrown@lbwcc.edu or call (334) 493-5389 to schedule an appointment.



Little Bean celebrated her first birthday last weekend! Cuzin Lou Lou cannot believe how quickly the time has passed to reach Bean's big day.

Bean was just a tiny 3-lb fur baby when she came home with Lou Lou and Sister at 12-weeks old. Now, she is a confident 19-lb heap of spoiled energy!

She has Lou Lou, Sister and Papa completely wrapped. Lou Lou didn't realize just how much Bean has her Papa [aka Big Daddy to Bean] wrapped until recently.

Lou Lou had started to get a little concerned about Papa because more times than not he had started declining to go eat with Lou Lou and Sister — that was unusual for Papa because if there is one thing the man likes it is eating!

So, Lou Lou started paying a little more attention to Papa's actions. She didn't want to make a big deal out of it, but she wanted to be sure everything was okay with him.

Well...it finally hit her one night after a comment Papa made to Bean.

When Lou Lou and Sister are at home, Bean is all theirs. She is either snuggled up by or following one of the two.

That was leaving Papa

out of the mix.

One evening, Lou Lou overheard Papa saying to Bean that she was all about him when they are alone, but let Lou Lou or Sister come home, and he's yesterday's news.

It was that moment that Lou Lou realized what was going on with Papa when he declines to go eat and instead says, "Just bring me something back with you."

Papa was getting Bean-time by staying home!

Apparently, the moment Lou Lou and Sister leave the house and Papa is home alone with Bean, she hops up in his lap in his favorite recliner, and they nap or watch television together. So, Papa has been foregoing 'out to eat' opportunities with Lou Lou and Sister because he wants to get more Bean attention!

Lou Lou knew Papa was smitten early on when he would go to the store to "buy him and Bean their favorite snacks" but she just recently realized exactly how wrapped Bean has him! He would rather sit at home with Bean than go out to eat...now, that's a bold statement for Papa!

One thing's for sure... Bean is a well-loved girl! She might just be the most spoiled dog in Yonder!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, and Monday, Feb. 8, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Feb. 2 — Report of drug activity on Highland Dr (10:40 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1337 County Rd 409 (12:33 p.m.); Harassment reported on Simmons St (2:35 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Ann St (2:50 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Taylor Mill Rd (7:32 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date with a report completed.

Wednesday, Feb. 3 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 595 Collier Circle (2:41 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 825 Putnam St — an arrest was made (10:13 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 641 Jackson Ave (12:53 p.m.); Runaway juvenile reported at 2691 Marilyn St (3:12 p.m.); Identity theft reported to Elba Police (3:27 p.m.); Theft of

property reported at 2050 Taylor Mill Rd (5:58 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Davis St and Old Samson Rd (11:18 p.m.).

Thursday, Feb. 4 — Intoxicated person reported at 1123 Deal St (2:45 a.m.); Assault reported at 117 Cordelia Ave N (3:09 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1268 Highland Dr (5:43 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 429 Plant Ave (8:58 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 246 Larkin Rd (9:04 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Taylor Mill Rd (10:23 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (10:55 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1510 Sequoia Dr (11:13 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 418 Moore Ave (3:28 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date with all resulting in a verbal warning.

Friday, Feb. 5 — Animal complaint reported on Thomas St (10:17 a.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 381 Tiger Dr (11:44 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (12:32 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 1720 County Rd 422, Opp (5:45 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 607 Mullins Circle (8:07 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation.

Saturday, Feb. 6 — Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (1:37 a.m.); Tree down across roadway on Hwy 87 S (9:06 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on the Troy Hwy (5:51 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 338 Davis St E (7:21 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 2050 Taylor Mill Rd (7:38 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 702 Newton St (9:02 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with a citation issued.

Sunday, Feb. 7 — Noise complaint reported on Cedar Lane Dr (12:30 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1235 Farris Ave (1:39 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 595 Collier Circle (1:58 a.m.); Noise complaint reported on Cedar Lane Dr (9:03 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 615 Jackson Ave (4:50 p.m.); Harassment reported at 413 Adkinson Ave (7:54 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Cedar Lane Dr (10:34 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with a verbal warning issued.

Monday, Feb. 8 — Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (7:53 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1026 Caroline St (10:31 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1019 Garrett St (11:24 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 429 Claxton Ave N (2:27 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1933 Hickman Ave (2:31 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Plant Ave (5:40 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 28 County Rd 513 (10:02 p.m.). There were two traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one citation and one written warning issued.

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Elba Mayor Tom Maddox listens Monday night, Feb. 8, as City Clerk Sally Bane provides a departmental update to Elba City Council members. Bane provided info from several departments on ongoing projects, etc.

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funds to a private entity unless it finds that entity is fulfilling a public purpose. A discussion by the council found all in agreement that Enterprise Rescue does provide a public purpose in the emergency medical services it provides to the citizens of Elba.

The council approved a motion to waive the sewer and garbage fees for Enterprise Rescue.

Mayor Maddox said Enterprise Rescue also had asked for assistance with electric costs, but that is not something Elba can help with, but he said he had sent a letter to Ed Short with Covington Electric Cooperative asking the cooperative to provide assistance. Maddox said he had yet to hear back from

that letter.

Also, during the meeting, the council approved a resolution agreeing to the removal of traffic signals from three downtown intersections by the Alabama Department of Transportation, where the signals have been on "flashing mode" for several months. These intersections were changed to 2-way or 4-way stops respectively by the state.

Prior to adjourning, council members agreed to a work session on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Maddox said there would be several items discussed at this work session.

The next regular meeting for the council is set for Monday, Feb. 22, at 5:30 p.m.

Coffee County Commissioners approve two separate low bids relating to Ben E. Keith project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During their meeting Monday, Feb. 8, Coffee County Commissioners approved additional measures to benefit the Ben E. Keith distribution facility construction project.

A bid was awarded to Fisher Tank Company in the amount of \$554,000 for a water tank/fire suppression erection at the construction site. This was the low bid of three submitted.

Also, a bid was awarded to South Alabama Contracting for a lift station/sewer main project benefitting Ben E. Keith. This bid amount was \$299,525 and was the low bid of three submitted.

Both of the bids awarded Monday to benefit the Ben E. Keith project fall under CDBG funding.

Commissioners voted to reappoint Tom Dyess to the Board of Equalization. Also, they voted to appoint Elba Mayor Tom Maddox to replace former mayor Mickey Murdock and Elba City Councilman Johnathan Lockett to replace Rolanda Jones on the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Gladys Yelverton and Rod Morgan each were reappointed to new terms on the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Levi Key, a representative of Refuge Church, addressed the commission during Monday's meeting, and he asked commissioners to consider once again waiving the rental fees for the farm center to allow for Refuge Church to host its annual Southeastern Youth Conference in March.

Key said this would be the 18th annual Southeastern Youth Conference, and it would be held March 11-14.

Commissioners voted to approve the request and waive the fees for this event.

Upon request of Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee Thompson, commissioners voted to enter into a contract with Ingenuity Software to provide new software services for that office.

County administrator Rod Morgan said Judge Thompson believes this software will make the probate office more efficient.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

JOHN ANTHONY WADDAIL

Mr. John Anthony Waddail, age 64, of Elba, Ala., died unexpectedly Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021, at home in the arms of his loving family.

Graveside services were held Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 from the Mt. Gilead Cemetery with his brother-in-law, Mark Donaldson, officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Waddail was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret and William Eiland Waddail.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years: Rebecca Donaldson Waddail; son: John "Andy" (Maranda) Waddail Jr.; granddaughters: Mary Margaret Waddail, and Carolyn Cate Waddail, all of Elba; sister: Ellen Dixon, Raleigh, NC; and brother: William Eiland Waddail Jr., Charlotte, NC.

RANDY LEN BROWN

Mr. Randy Len "Brody" Brown, age 60, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, at his home.

In accordance with his wishes, no local formal services will be held. His family plans to hold a celebration of life service at a later date in Danielsville, Ga.

Survivors include his daughter: Melissa Wilkerson, Elba, Ala.; sisters: Ophelia Myra Lewis, Auburn, Ga., Opal Cleveland, Willie Herman, and Kay Meadows, Danielsville, Ga.; brother: Don William Brown, also of Danielsville; along with several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, along with other extended family and a host of friends.

LELAND ADAM HENDERSON

Mr. Leland Adam Henderson, age 32, a resident of Troy, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, at his home.

Adam was a 2007 graduate of Elba High School.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Jason McCleod officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Adam was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Marie Henderson, along with his maternal grandparents, Alma and Bennie Collier Salter.

Survivors include his wife: Chelsea Henderson,

Troy; father: Elbert Leland (Mary) Henderson, Troy; mother: Ellen (Roger) Stephens, Samson, Ala.; daughter: Adrianna Fox Henderson, and son: Nolan Leland Henderson, both of Samson; daughter: Cladai Julian Marie Henderson, Troy; two stepdaughters: Beatrice Ogburn, and Alyce Williamson; a sister: Casey Marie Henderson (Kevin Goble), Blountsville, Ala.; step-sister: Crystal Howell, Samson; step-brothers: Brent (Jennifer) Stephens, Wicksburg, Ala., and Perry Cauthen, Crestview, Fla.; along with numerous aunts, uncles, extended family and numerous friends.

WAYLON NELSON

Mr. Waylon "Hop" Nelson, age 78, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, at his home.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, beginning at 11 a.m., from the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, from 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Waylon was preceded in death by his parents, Euna Mae and Philly Hollie Nelson, along with siblings, Archie, Jerry, Durwood, Amy, Joan, and Janice.

Survivors include his sister: Janie (Phillip) Nelson Little, Troy, Ala.; and brother: James (Glen-da) Nelson, Elba; along with numerous other family and friends.

PAUL MCDOWELL

Mr. Paul McDowell died at his home in Panama City Beach, Fla., with his wife Josephine "Jo" McDowell and several loving family members by his side.

He was born in Bristol, Fla. to the late Charlie and Trudie (Phillips) McDowell. Paul served his country in World War II, in the United States Army. When he returned to the United States he moved his family to Portland, Ore., then later decided to return to Bristol to raise his family. In 1977 Paul began a new adventure in Enterprise, Ala. He owned and operated a heavy equipment manufacturing company, building forklifts and other equipment. Paul had also designed and built the first wire cages for transporting live birds for the Poultry Industry.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Blountstown with Reverend

Jim Duhaime officiating. Flowers were accepted, or contributions can be made to Vitas Healthcare, 638 Harrison Ave., Suite 102, Panama City, FL 32401. Adams Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Paul was preceded in death by his brother, Willis E. McDowell; and a daughter, Charis Adams Worley. Survivors include his wife: Josephine McDowell; daughters: Sonya Capps (Chuck), Bristol, Fla., Bev McDowell, Ponce Inlet, Fla., Blanche Thomas (Geren), Eatonton, Ga., and Myra Camley (Mitch), Enterprise; his son: Tom McDowell (Debbie), Port St Joe Beach, Fla.; his half-brothers: Tony McDowell, Tallahassee, Fla., and Terry McDowell, Bristol; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

CAROLYN STINSON BROWN

Mrs. Carolyn (Stinson) Brown, age 90, a resident of Wincrest, Texas, died Monday, Jan. 25, 2021.

Mrs. Brown was born in Elba, Ala. and has many relatives who still live there. She graduated from Alabama State University. While teaching elementary school in Enterprise, Ala., she met her husband Joseph I. Brown who was stationed at Fort Rucker.

Graveside services will be held Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, 10 a.m., at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

BRENDA GAIL POLK

Mrs. Brenda Gail Polk, age 63, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Feb. 8, 2021, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Feb. 11, beginning at 11 a.m., from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rod Rider officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday from 10-11 a.m.

Mrs. Polk was preceded in death by her parents, Lottie Merle and Gaston Curtis Spivey, along with two sons, Jason Charles Mitchell, and Anthony Scott Mitchell.

Survivors include her husband: Lucien Gerald Polk, Elba; daughter: Kristy Dawson (Keith Sanders), Ozark, Ala.; son: Bryan Polk (Beth), Elba; sisters: Linda Glynn, Enterprise, Ala., and Patricia McBride, Opp, Ala.; along with seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

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Frances D. Brunson
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Mend a Broken Heart Month

February can be a trying time for those who have experienced a loss. And while for most, February has other more symbolic meanings, it is also Mend a Broken Heart Month. In the spirit of mending broken hearts, here are a few ways to cope with the grief of a lost loved one.

For those who have experienced a recent loss, the prospect of going out and dating again can seem scary and even disrespectful to their lost partner. There are plenty of dating groups both community and online that specialize in helping widows and widowers find love again after a loss. These groups often provide both emotional support and physical activities to encourage those who are bereaved to mingle and grow together past their grief.

If your grief is still too recent, there are projects that can help ease the pain of loss. If your lost beloved had a favorite shirt or sweater you don't mind parting with: try adding some pillow filler to the garment and sew up the sleeves and the neck. The completed pillow can now provide some comfort, as if your lost loved one never truly left.

If there was a cause you and your lost loved one supported together: try donating your time or energy to the same cause to honor their legacy. If there was not a cause you and your loved one shared, there are plenty of other causes that are doing great work during the month of February. In addition to Mend a Broken Heart Month, February is also Women's Heart Health Month. Those causes can be supported by donating blankets to those in need, winter coats to the homeless or donating time to visit the lonely in hospice care centers or local nursing homes and hospitals.

This February, take some time to try and mend a broken heart: be it yours or someone else's. Know that you are not alone and that things will improve.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor

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This Sunday, February 14, is well...I hope you know! It is Valentine's Day! So much can be said about love that cannot be contained in this small space, but please consider these random thoughts:

Love, like prayer, is a subject that has a wide chasm between the talk and the doing. Love is easier to say than to do, so some talk about it but don't show it, even though showing is a more honest and accurate measure of our love. Love must be freely communicated, but is communicated best with our actions.

It is also more convenient to say "I love God" than to love others. Heard the saying "You can't have it both ways?" Well, here we have to. 1 John 4:20 states "If someone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, that person is a liar, for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?" Truth is, the more we fall in love with the Lord, the more we love people. We can even love people who are "a mess," because we know what a mess we were (and sometimes still are) in, when we received God's love.

Your family is a treasure. Yes, even THAT family member. Love them. Tell them. Show them. Treat them as you would want them to treat you. Don't wait for them to show love. Don't wait for them to make things right. Take the lead. Lead in love. One of the many lessons we have learned from the COVID virus is that life can be fragile, brief, and uncertain. Get busy loving.

Most of all, I am so glad and thankful that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Infinite, amazing, undeserved love; fathomless, limitless, and unending. How can we not respond to such a love? On Valentine's Day and every day, giving our all, our everything, should be our answer.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Praise to God, the Ruler of the Earth. [Psalm 47: 1-9]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Joe Rudolph, Michael Manning, Corene Daniels, Theresa Irizarry, Robert Reynolds, Betty Refregee, Elijah Kelley, Maria K. Duncan, Lauren Rogers

February Birthdays / Anniversaries

Daryl Crittenden 2/4 (in memory)
Nettie Ruth Lindsey 2/5 (in memory)
Renae Ware 2/5
Min. Brian Brunson 2/7
Renethia Kenaye Cruetson 2/7
Jada K. Duncan 2/7
Lucille Lindsey Rideaux 2/7 (in memory)
Sinia Smedley 2/8
Keyshawn Gavin 2/9
Kyson Edwards 2/9
Tim Williams 2/9
Dr. Irma Townsend 2/10

Black History Month Celebration

The Life of the Late Richard Cain (Part 2) 1825 - 1887

Pastor Cain was both a great speaker and a great writer. In order to spread his strong views, particularly in regard to granting land to the newly freed slaves, he began writing and publishing in a newspaper, the South Carolina Leader, in 1866. Between his church and his newspaper, he was building a strong political group. First, he served on the South Carolina group that fashioned a new state constitution. Then, he went on to be elected as a state senator in 1872. When land for former slaves still was not made available, he purchased land to sell. Unfortunately, that project eventually went bankrupt. After this unsuccessful

attempt, he ran for a seat in the United States Congress and won it. His biggest effort was geared toward the passage of a Civil Rights Bill, for which he argued eloquently. As a member of Congress, he was able to make several very stirring speeches on its behalf. He went on to found Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas and served as its president from 1880 until 1884. He returned to Washington, D.C. and served as the bishop of the AME Conference until he died in 1887.

[Source: "Cain, Richard Harvey, Biographical Information" Biographical Directory of the United States Congress]

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 2/4/2021

Q: The same one who descended on Jesus at His Baptism also drove Him into the wilderness to be tempted. Who was it?
A: The Spirit - Mark 1: 10:12
Q: What were Jesus' first words to the man who was sick of the palsy?
A: "Son, your sins are forgiven you." - Mark 2: 5

Thought to Remember
Faith with no work is no faith at all.

Questions for the Week of 2/11/21

Multiple Choice

Q: When the women came to the sepulchre, where did they see the young man? (sitting inside), (standing outside), (sitting on the stone)
Q: The woman who touched Jesus had spent all her money on what? (wine), (clothes), (physicians)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

CHURCH and COMMUNITY

New Glorious COGIC plans to hold Clothes Closet event on Feb. 27th

New Glorious COGIC Outreach Ministries invites citizens to join them at a free Clothes Closet event Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

All clothes will be given away free on a first come, first serve basis. There will be no holds.

New Glorious COGIC is located at 314 County Road 263, Elba.

ADPH launches COVID-19 vaccine eligibility check & scheduling portal

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) launched an online portal for individuals to check their eligibility for vaccination and make appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations at county health departments.

The easy-to-navigate portal also provides up-to-date information about additional drive-through and walk-in clinics being offered. The portal can be accessed at <https://www.alcovidvaccine.gov/>

By entering information in the portal, individuals can confirm their eligibility, select a county where they intend to schedule their vaccination, and indicate if they want to be notified if interested in receiving an e-mail when the vaccine becomes available for additional priority groups. Information about the vaccine product itself and what to expect is also provided.

There are links to click to view a complete list of vaccine providers in the state and other information on the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard. The portal also provides practical information for the people scheduled, such as what they should bring, mask requirements, and a vaccine fact sheet.

The demand for vaccine continues to greatly exceed supply as Alabama has more than 326,000 healthcare workers and nearly 350,000 people who now qualify for a vaccine because they are 75 years of age or older. On Feb. 8, the addition of people 65 or older and frontline critical workers added over 1 million more people that are eligible to receive a vaccine.

Sites listed in the portal have limited supply of vaccine available. Current

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and he said the monthly cost for this software would actually be a little less than the software being replaced.

Commissioners also approved two requests from the sheriff's office. Two pieces of 1033 Federal Surplus Property were approved to be added to surplus by vote of commissioners.

Also, commissioners gave approval to purchase a new truck off the state contract to replace a sheriff's office truck that recently

ADPH plans to offer COVID-19 testing in Coffee County on February 16th

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) will offer COVID-19 testing in Coffee County during the month of February.

Due to limited staffing and COVID-19 vaccination clinics, testing will be provided Tuesday, Feb. 16, as shown below:

Coffee County Health Department
2841 Neal Metcalf Road
Enterprise, AL
Tuesday, February 16
8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Symptoms of COVID-19 consist of either cough or shortness of breath (difficulty breathing) or at least two of the following: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain,

headache, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, and new loss of taste or smell.

Testing criteria are as follows:

- Persons with symptoms
- Healthcare facility workers, workers in congregate living settings, and first responders with symptoms
- Persons without symptoms who have underlying medical conditions or disability placing them at a higher risk of complications or screening of other asymptomatic individuals based on a case-by-case review and approval by the state health department or local health jurisdiction.

Locals named to President's and Dean's lists at LBWCC for Fall 2020

LBW Community announces the students named to the President's and Dean's Lists for the Fall 2020 semester.

LBWCC recognizes academic excellence of students named to the President's List each semester. To qualify, students must be a full-time student and maintain a grade point average of 4.0. For Fall 2020, 87 students have been recognized.

Local students named to the President's List included:

Elba: Levi Jaadee Carnley, Colby Allen Copeland, James Dylan Moulton
Jack: Christian Daniel Turner
Kinston: Christie Ann Farris, Zachary Slade Jacobs, David William Rhodes, Sydnie Jordan Smith

Brantley: Lillian Paige Hermeling, Janessa Chantae King, Dasani Nykia McCray

LBWCC recognizes academic excellence of students named to the Dean's List each semester. To qualify, students must be a full-

time student and maintain a 3.5-3.99 grade point average. For Fall 2020, 152 students have been recognized.

Local students named to the Dean's List included:

Elba: Abigail Hope Johnson, Jeremy Blayne Moore
Kinston: Savannah Brooke Calhoun, Haley Michelle Collins, Matthew Sean Davis, Spencer Grant Fleming, Amber Nicole House

New Brockton: David Allen Geller

Brantley: James Garvin Ayers, William Blake Carlisle, Caitlin Patrice Carpenter, Shelby Paige Carpenter, Maria Ann Crutchfield, Gracie Danielle Free, Clayton Neil Legg, Megan Claire Mount, Brittany Anne Roach, Samuel Reddoch Tompkins

Students named to Dean's, President's lists for Fall 2020 at University of Alabama

A total of 13,128 students enrolled during the fall 2020 term at The University of Alabama made the Dean's List with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale), or the President's List with academic records of 4.0 (all A's).

The UA Dean's and President's Lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

Local students making the President's List included:

Elba: Lauren Haley
Kinston: Alison Glass
New Brockton: Gavin Capehart

Local students making the Dean's List were:

Elba: Anna Jackson, Madeline Johnson, and Austin McWaters
New Brockton: Andy Garcia

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Also posted on the websites: www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge

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Please contact us for the bid specifications. Bid opening to be held Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Elba Housing Authority Office.

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LIFESTYLES

Local UDC chapter enjoys guest speaker from Loudoun, Virginia chapter for January meeting

On Sunday, Jan. 17, the Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy ("UDC") met for its regular monthly meeting at the home of Georgia Fleming in Enterprise, Ala.

Members were delighted to have guest Ginger Stephens attend the meeting. Ginger is a member of the Loudoun 170 UDC Chapter, Loudoun, Virginia and served as Virginia Division President 2017-2019.

Chapter President Patsy Stephens called the meeting to order, which opened with prayer offered by Chaplain Cathy Odom. The salutes and pledge were given, and the Ritual was presented by President Stephens and Chaplain Odom.

Business included planning for the Saturday, Feb. 27, Gen. Henry D. Clayton District meeting for which the Rucker Chapter will be host. It was decided the District meeting would be held at the Enterprise Country Club and would be catered.

After all business was completed Ginger Stephens made a presentation of a 25-year membership pin to her sister, Patsy, for her UDC service 1995-2020. Both ladies joined the Capt. Samuel A. Ashe 2572 UDC Chapter of Raleigh, North Carolina on



Patsy Stephens (left), was presented a 25-year membership pin from her sister, Ginger Stephens (right) during the January meeting of the Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 Chapter of the UDC.

August 31, 1995. The sisters joined on the record of their great-grandfather John William Stephens. Stephens served in Company F, 13th Regiment, Georgia infantry during the War Between the States.

In 2003, Patsy transferred to Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 in Enterprise.

Following the presentation, Chapter member Donna Smith presented

Ginger with a United States Flag lapel pin. Cathy Odom provided refreshments for the meeting.

Evergreen Cemetery Board to hold meeting

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will hold a meeting Thursday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

RWCC meeting set for Feb. 17th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

The guest speaker will be Troy Towns, who is an ordained minister with a specific calling to government and education. He is the former State Vice-Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party and Director of Minority Outreach and Engagement.

Towns will be speaking on the soul of the Republican Party.

Social time begins at 11 a.m.; with an optional lunch at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Social distancing will be observed, temperatures will be taken before entering, and per Governor Ivey's directive, masks should be worn except while eating.

Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Contact Jan to RSVP at 334-494-3763 or rwccreservations@gmail.com.



ELBA ROTARY CLUB HOSTS SPEAKER...Jonathan Tullos, executive director of Wiregrass Economic Development Corporation, spoke to members of the Elba Rotary Club on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021. Pictured left to right are Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, Tullos, and former Mayor Mickey Murdock.

Elba's Brunson, Maddox elected to PowerSouth Board of Trustees

Jane B. Brunson and Tom Maddox have been elected to represent the City of Elba Water Works & Electric Board on PowerSouth's Board of Trustees.

Their appointments were approved at PowerSouth's November Board meeting.

Brunson, a native of Fort Payne, Ala., is a 1979 graduate of The University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. A Certified Public Accountant, she has worked for the past 28 years in the tax practice of Carr, Riggs and Ingram in Enterprise. Throughout her career, she has worked in accounting and banking in Louisiana, Florida and Alabama.

Brunson was elected to the Elba City Council in 2012 and is now in her third term representing District 3. She currently serves as chairperson of the City of Elba Water Works & Electric Board. She is a member of the



Mayor Tom Maddox, left, and Councilperson Jane Brunson, right



Elba Cemetery Board, Elba Rotary Club, and Covenant Community Church.

Jane and her husband, Jack, have four adult children - Rush, Blake, Meredith and Ward - and two granddaughters.

Maddox serves as Elba's Mayor. He is owner/manager of the Jewel Box in Elba. A retired music educator, Maddox holds a Bachelor

of music education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and completed post-graduate studies at Troy State University.

Prior to his election as Mayor, Maddox served as the District 4 representative



It was a great night of fellowship and initiation Monday, Feb. 1, at the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 for Brothers Lawrence Larry Eugene Sikes and Stanley Heath Hornsby. There was a great turnout of Elba Lodge members and other guest Masons for this special evening. Those pictured above include: [front, l to r] Alan Boothe, Joel Moore, Michael Phelps, Heiko Maier, Mike Amison, Larry Sikes, Stanley Hornsby, Greg Mancil, Brian Smith, Troy Gideon, and Eddie Kelley; [middle row, l to r] Jerome Blackmon, Daniel Stephens, Ethen Dodd, Harry Young and Alan Crenshaw; and [back row, l to r] Wendell Black, Tommy Morrow, Drexell Richards, and Dorman Richards.



Elba Masonic Lodge #170 welcomed new member Brother Greg Pugh Mancil on Friday night, Jan. 29, 2021. There were 22 members and visiting Brothers at the installation and fellowship. Grand Master Brother Tommy Morrow presided over the event. Those pictured include: [front, l to r] Eddie Kelley, Heiko Maier, James Vines, Paul Adams, Greg Mancil, Drexell Richards, Jim Fox, Michael Phelps, Johnny Davis, and Ronnie Rawls; [middle, l to r] James Beasley, Joel Moore, Chris Sanders, Troy Gideon, Larry Shaw, Steve Rodgers, and Matthew Hannefeld; and [back, l to r] Ross Jackson, Wendell Black, Tommy Morrow, Harry Young, and Jerome Blackmon.



Derek Smith recently was raised to the 3rd Degree of Master Mason for the Chancellor Masonic Lodge #664. Those pictured above include: [back row, l to r] Alabama State Grand Master Tommy Morrow, Coley Andress, Jerry Miller, and Jason Miller; [front row, l to r] Mike Kelley, Greg Casey, John Gilley, Stephen Green, Worshipful Master Robbie Wehnt, Brother Smith, Craig Turner, Glenn Brackin and E.R. Charles.

Senior citizens can apply online for Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers

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Elba Senior Citizens director Donna

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- Ability to work harmoniously with other employees.
- Have CDL or ability to obtain one.

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Salary: Based on experience and qualifications.

Applications are available at

Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL or at www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities.

All applications should be submitted to City Hall either in person or via email to: info@elbaal.gov.
EOE



The City of Elba is now accepting applications for a part-time Custodian

Opening Date: Immediately
Closing Date: February 19, 2021

Reports To: City Clerk

Job Summary: The ideal person will be able to perform and communicate with supervisors and co-workers in multiple City of Elba facilities while maintaining positive working relationships. Must have a vehicle to travel between city-owned buildings and be able to pass a background check to include criminal history. Schedule will be flexible.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: General knowledge of cleaning methods, materials and equipment. Must be able to stand for long periods of time and be able to perform manual tasks requiring moderate physical strength.
Salary: Contingent upon experience.

Benefits: This is a part-time position, no benefits are offered.

Applications are available at

Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL or online at www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities.

All applications should be submitted to Elba City Hall or may be emailed to info@elbaal.gov with the subject line "Part-Time Custodian."
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THE CITY OF ENTERPRISE

The City of Enterprise, Alabama is accepting applications for the position of **City Engineer/Public Works Director**. The City Engineer/Director of Public Works generally oversees and directs engineering and public works related services of the City, including, building code applications and enforcement, inspections, public works and infrastructure coordination, and financial issues related to the department, along with supervision of the staff who work in public works and engineering services.

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Minimum Qualifications:

Must be 21 years of age.

Must possess a high school diploma as approved or recognized by the Alabama State Department of Education and successfully complete a Basic Abilities Test as required by APOST or possess an associate's degree or higher. **Must not** have any felony convictions as an adult. **Must not** be prohibited by state or federal law to own, possess or carry a firearm including a pistol, rifle or shotgun. **Must be** a U.S. citizen.

Must be honorably discharged if the applicant served in the armed forces.
Must possess a valid driver's license.

Starting Date:
February 1st, 2021

Closing Date:
February 15th, 2021

For those that meet the minimum qualifications, a Physical Ability/Agility test will be given after the closing date on Saturday, February 20th at 9AM. Written Exam will be given on February 22nd at 2:00PM. Candidates will be notified by e-mail once the position closes.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson didn't get his 'ole granddaddy to help him with any of his homework last week, but did let me watch him play a couple of video games and even explained just what he was doing and what it took to win. This time I actually believed his answers!

For what it was worth....

*** *The area tournaments tipped off this week and heading into post-season play Elba Lady Tiger head coach Shaun Hammonds was still confident his girls had what it took to make it back to the regional tournament in Montgomery. The girls had a late-season swoon due to two starters sitting out seven games due to a suspension and later on losing two more starters to quarantine due to Covid-19, but the Elba coach is still brimming with confidence and convinced post-season run is coming. The Tigers had another tough season and won only two games, but I always felt the team was much better than its record indicated and liked the way the players hustled for all four quarters. Looking around the area, the biggest surprise was Brantley being the #4 seed in the girl's area tournament after years of dominance. Brantley and Kinston's boy's teams should make it out of the area and move on to sub-region play, but that is about it. It obviously wasn't the best of years for basketball in the area, especially with the girls, where both Zion Chapel and New Brockton suffered through miserable seasons and Kinston struggled all season long after a big season just a year ago.*

*** *I saw an interesting article in the Troy newspaper last week with the headline 'Students from 45 countries on Troy University athletic rosters.' After reading the sports article, I learned that students from 45 countries and 24 states are on the 16 division 1 sports teams (7 men and 9 women) at Troy University. There are 136 players from Alabama on the teams, followed by Florida with 79 and Georgia with 70, with the most in-state players participating in football (59) baseball (16), softball (10), women's track and field (9) and volleyball (2). The Trojans rosters are filled with players from across the USA as far away as Arizona, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Rhode Island, and Washington. One fact revealed that only four athletes participating on the 16 teams are actually from Troy! As for the foreign influence, Spain leads the way with 9 athletes, followed by Canada with 5. Other nations that caught my eye were Argentina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Russia, Serbia, and Uruguay. There are 11 men's tennis players from outside the country, 10 women's soccer players, 8 women's tennis players and 6 women's track and field athletes. The women's tennis team has no players from the USA on its roster, while the men's squad has only 2. Troy may be just a small town in south Alabama, but it reaches around the world when it comes to sports and athletes on those sports teams.*

*** *In closing.... I read on social media that for the second straight year there will be no youth baseball or softball season up at Zion Chapel. Last year the pandemic was the culprit, while this year construction of a new gym at Zion Chapel High School has all but closed the entire area around the youth complex. I know the youth and parents are both disappointed, and can't believe another youth program in the county hasn't come to their rescue with the offer of fields a couple of nights a week. Here in Elba there is only one team in each age division in baseball and softball, which means at the most two home games per week. This would give the Zion Chapel program three nights to play their games. C'mon guys, work out a solution!*

In 53-48 loss to Geneva

Tigers watch late rally fall short

The Elba Tigers battled for all four quarters last Monday night in a 53-48 home court loss to the Geneva Panthers.

Geneva made it look easy early as the Panthers jumped out to a 6-2 lead. However, the Tigers showed the large crowd they had come to play and sparked by the play of Chrystyle Caldwell used a 5-0 run to take a 7-6 lead with 5:05 remaining in the opening stanza. The lead went back and forth for the rest of the quarter, with the Panthers scoring the final four points of the period to carry a slim 17-15 lead into the second quarter.

Elba hit only 4 of 10 free throw opportunities in the opening two minutes of the second quarter, but a basket by Alvin Henderson with 5:58 left in the stanza pulled the Tigers even at 21-21. Geneva upped its lead to 25-21 with a quick 4-0 rally, and opened up a 29-24 lead with 3:40 left in the half. The Tigers cut the lead to 29-27 on a 3-pointer by John Martin Wilson, but the Panthers rallied late and closed the quarter with a 6-1 run to carry a 35-28 lead in at intermission.

Geneva upped its lead to 41-32 with 5:40 left in the third quarter and appeared to be ready to take command. However, Chrystyle Caldwell scored seven points over a three-minute span to spark a 9-0 Tiger run as Elba caught the Panthers 41-41 with 2:25 still left in the quarter. The score was tied at 43-43 heading into the fourth quarter, but Geneva came out on fire in the fourth quarter and used a 13-0 run to open up a 56-43 lead with 3:45 remaining on the clock.

A basket by Kimdarius Hill with 2:50 left snapped the Tigers five-minute scoring drought, and while the Tigers still trailed 58-45 with 2:44 left, they refused to throw in the towel and behind the play of John Martin Wilson and Chrystyle Caldwell used a 9-0 run to pull within 58-54 with 1:08 left on the clock. Geneva hit 5 of 6 free throws in the final 50-seconds to hold off the late Elba rally; however, and at the final horn the Panthers left the court with the 63-58 win.

Chrystyle Caldwell scored 19 points to lead



Elba Tiger eighth-grader Alvin Henderson (12) goes up for a shot in last week's home court loss to Geneva. Henderson scored 11 points in the narrow loss.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

High School

BASKETBALL BRIEFS

BOYS:

Rebels ambushed by Ariton 68-38

The Zion Chapel Rebels dropped a 68-38 area loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Hayes Floyd scored 14 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and handed out 11 assists to lead the Purple Cats, while Ian Senn scored 16 points.

Gamecocks rally past Goshen 38-33

The New Brockton Gamecocks staged a furious fourth quarter rally to knock off the Goshen Eagles 38-33, in Goshen. The Gamecocks trailed 22-20 heading into the fourth quarter, but poured in 18 points in the final stanza to pull off the win. Matthew Smith scored 16 points and Omarion Holt added 10 to lead New Brockton, which connected on 10 of 12 free throws in the second half.

Zion Chapel falls to G.W. Long 64-47

The Zion Chapel Rebels closed area play with a 64-47 loss to G.W. Long. Zay Adair scored 12 points and JD Finger added 10 to lead the Rebels, while Avery Roberts and Kobie Stringer both scored 20 points for G.W. Long.

GIRLS:

Lady Rebels fall hard to Ariton 37-7

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels never threatened in a 37-7 loss to the Ariton Lady Cats. Lexie Willoughby connected on five 3-pointers and scored 15 points to lead the Lady Cats, while Alexis Johnson added 13 points and handed out 4 assists.

Zion Chapel zapped by G.W. Long 64-8

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels closed area action with a 64-8 loss to G.W. Long. Shea-leigh Wambles scored 4 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Ally Whitehead scored 16 points and Lilly Payne added 13 to lead G.W. Long.

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Tuesday, Feb. 16

(Baseball)

Kinston at Elba (JV-V)
Luverne at Brantley (JV)

Thursday, Feb. 18

(Baseball)

Red Level at Zion Chapel (V)
(Softball)
Andalusia at Kinston (JV-V)

SPORTS NEWS

Lady Tigers fall to Geneva 56-40

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Geneva Lady Panthers last Monday night and saw a furious third quarter rally fall far short in a 56-40 loss.

Elba fell behind 6-0 early in the opening quarter as it went almost four minutes without a point, but the Lady Tigers cut the lead

to 8-7 by the end of the stanza and grabbed their only lead of the night at 10-8 early in the second quarter on a long 3-pointer by Nina Williams. Geneva responded with an 11-0 run to move on top 19-10 with 2:27 remaining in the half, and closed the quarter with a 6-2 run to

carry a big 27-15 lead in at intermission.

A 3-pointer by Nina Williams highlighted an early 6-0 third quarter rally to pull the Lady Tigers within 27-19 with 6:13 left in the stanza, but the Lady Panthers quickly regained the upper hand as they used a 4-0 run to push their lead at 31-19. Elba still trailed 33-22 with 3:01 left on the clock. However, Jaylyn Baker and Nina Williams both connected on 3-pointers in the closing minute as the Lady Tigers rallied to trail only 35-33 heading into the final stanza.

Elba's upset hopes died quickly in the fourth quarter; however, as the Lady Panthers opened the quarter with an 11-0 run to stretch their lead to 46-33 with 5:50 remaining in the contest. Makinna Gray scored four quick points midway through the quarter, but the Lady Tigers never really threatened again as the Lady Panthers coasted in with the 56-40 win.

Nina Williams scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Jaylyn Baker added 10 points, 8 rebounds and 4 steals. Madison Johnson led Geneva with 20 points.

Geneva (56): Kemmerlin 4, Johnson 20, Boswell 9, T. Johnson 2, Ausley 1, Hammock 2, Minnifield 2, Lamb 8, Watson 8.

Elba (40): Baker 10, Williams 16, Purvis 8, Gray 4, Juarez 2.



Elba Lady Tiger Jaylyn Baker (1) blocks a shot attempt by a Geneva Lady Panther in last week's home finale for the Lady Tigers. Baker scored 10 points, grabbed 8 rebounds and had 4 steals in the contest.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

2021 - A season to bag the big bucks

By DAVID RAINER

Judging from the number of deer reported through the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division's Game Check system and the number of trophy bucks posted on social media, Chris Cook thinks this is the best deer season our state has had in quite a while.

Cook, the WFF's Deer Program Coordinator, said numerous factors are likely involved in the increase in harvest numbers as well as the quality of the bucks harvested.

Alabama's three-buck limit has been in place for more than a decade, which could be one of the reasons for the big bucks, but Cook said that is difficult to quantify. Hunters are allowed to take one male deer (bare antlers visible above natural hairline) per day and three per hunter during all combined seasons. One of the three must have at least four antler points 1 inch or longer on one antler (except for Barbour County). A point is defined as an antler projection of at least 1 inch in length from base to tip. Main beam tip shall be counted as a point regardless of length. Barbour County requires all bucks to have at least three points on one side to be legal except during the statewide special youth season, when any antlered

buck can be harvested.

"It's hard to track and determine what you can attribute exactly to the three-buck limit because of the way data was collected before that," Cook said. "We used the mail survey, and before the three-buck limit one of the questions was how many bucks you killed. If they killed 20, that's what they put down. After the three-buck limit, nobody was going to put down they killed more than the limit."

"But I also think people started to be a little more selective. So we can't attribute it to the three-buck limit or just a change in hunter attitude. It does appear hunters were willing to pass on yearling and 2-year-old bucks. A lot of clubs put in rules on buck harvest, so some of it was self-imposed."

The number of trophy bucks taken in Alabama this year has been impressive. Huge bucks pop up on social media daily. Cook thinks the ease of posting photos on social media could possibly be skewing the impression of a banner season.

"With increased use of social media, everybody wants to post a picture of what they've killed, so everybody else sees what they've done," he said. "In the past, somebody had to take a picture, get the film developed and send the picture to you."

"But it definitely seems

that a lot more really good bucks were taken this year. Our Game Check numbers show that people are reporting way more deer than they ever have. They're killing more deer, and a percentage of bucks reported have been really good deer."

Cook said the COVID-19 restrictions have played a role in the increased harvest of all deer. Many people have discovered or rediscovered many outdoors activities, including hunting. "We saw that during last year's turkey season," he said. "More people were hunting because of work schedules. Some people were working remotely and were able to schedule more time in the woods to kill more deer."

"Another factor that may be playing into this is the supplemental feeding. When feeding became legal last year, we had a 14-percent increase in harvest. But I wouldn't attribute corn to the increased quality of the deer."

The Alabama deer herd is estimated at between 1.25 million and 1.5 million animals. As the Game Check numbers and phone survey data are analyzed for harvest on the county level as well as age and sex ratios, Cook said WFF will be able to update its population estimates after deer season ends February 10.

"We've got some areas where the deer population is down and other areas with more deer than they've ever had," Cook said. "Places with good habitat will have good deer populations. It sure appears our deer herd is healthy. It's going to be interesting to see what the phone survey numbers are, but it sure appears the harvest took a pretty good jump up this year, which I think will be an indicator of two things - we have more deer, but I think it also shows that people spent more time hunting."

"This deer season appears to be one of the best we've had in a long time. I hope people are able to take advantage of the last few days of the season. It will be prime time to be in the woods, especially in south Alabama."

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Elba Lady Tiger Makinna Gray (25) dribbles upcourt in last week's home battle against Geneva.

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Elba falls hard to Andalusia 54-39

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out regular season play Thursday night with a 54-39 road loss to the Andalusia Lady Bulldogs.

Elba fell behind early and trailed 14-6 after one quarter of play, and while Makinna Gray scored six points in the second stanza, it wasn't enough to cut into the Andalusia lead as the Lady Bulldogs went in at the half with a big 32-14 advantage. Nina Williams drained a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter to pump life into the Lady Tigers attack. However, Andalusia

stretched its lead to 46-24 by the end of the stanza and coasted in with the 54-39 win over the Lady Tigers.

Nina Williams scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Jaylyn Baker and Makinna Gray both added 6 points.

Andy (54): Bradley 3, Nelson 10, Anderson 5, Florence 4, Sheridan 6, Robertson 2, Gay 4, Bozeman 2, Merrill 5, Crittenden 5, Doss 2, Woods 2.

Elba (39): Baker 6, Chism 2, Williams 18, Purvis 2, Gray 6, Juarez 5.

Hunting Spotlight



Jase Weeks, age 8, got this 8-point buck Tuesday, Feb. 2, that he and his Pawpaw, Scott Weeks, had been after the entire deer season. After missing the buck Friday, Jan. 29, Jase's shot was on target last Tuesday afternoon for the kill! Jase is the son of Anthony and Kaliegh Weeks, of Kinston, Ala.

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